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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:


In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of October 6, 2004 (Paper No. 5), with a one-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 5, 2004, the Applicants hereby respond as follows:

The Examiner has required a restriction to one of the following inventions:

I. Claims 1-14, drawn to a shared memory and method for utilizing shared memory by a plurality of processors, classified in class 711, subclass 147.

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II. Claims 15-22, drawn to a method for maintaining translation lookaside buffer consistency, including the specifics of invalidating a copy of a page table entry, broadcasting a TLB invalidated entry instruction, determining whether to invalidate entries in local TLBs and issuing a synchronization instruction to the plurality of processing units classified in class 711, subclass 207.

The Restriction Requirement is submitted to be improper as Applicants have filed a preliminary amendment, with a mailing date of February 19, 2004, in which claims 1-22 were cancelled and claims 23-33 were added. Hence, claim 23-33 are pending and not claims 1-22 as asserted by the Examiner. Thus, the restriction involving claims 1-22 is improper as claims 1-22 are cancelled.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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